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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

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, BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FIRST PREPARATORY CONFERENCE
(PREPCON) FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY JE VOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD) WILL BE HELD
IN NEW YORK, MARCH 28-APRIL 1. THIS MESSAGE (A)
SUMMARIZES PREVIOUS ADDRESSEE RESPONSES TO REFTEL AND
(B) PROVIDES FOR POSTS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN THE SSOD AND THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A

WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONSES TO REFTEL: RESPONSES TO REFTEL INDICATE AT LEAST THREE GENERAL TRENDS ON SSOD:

(A) MAJORITY OF RESPONSES SHOW MOST COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED SUBSTANTIVELY ON SSOD. ALTHOUGH NO RESPONDEE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO SSOD, SEVERAL QUESTIONED THE POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSIVE USEFUL ARMS CONTROL ACTION IN THE SSOD FORUM.

(B) THE EC-9 AND OTHER WESTERN ORIENTED STATES GENERALLY FAVOR A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, YET RESTRAINED, APPROACH TO SSOD. ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, SUCH AS SALT,

THE WESTERN CONCERN IS TO PROTECT PRESENT POSITIONS OR TO ENGAGE IN DAMAGE-LIMITING OPERATIONS. ON OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS MEASURES DESIGNED TO LIMIT PROLIFERATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, THERE IS SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FORWARD POSITIONS WHETHER ON THEIR MERITS OR AS MEANS OF DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM UNHELPFUL INITIATIVES FROM OTHERS. THE MAJORITY OF OUR ALLIES AND OTHER COUNTRIES SYMPATHETIC TO OUR APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES LOOK TO US TO TAKE THE LEAD IN REGARD TO SPECIFIC SSOD RELATED ISSUES. SEVERAL MAJOR POWERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MAY MAKE LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE A MAJOR ISSUE.

(C) THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE DEVELOPED AN INITIAL BASIC STRATEGY AND PROGRAM AND ARE SEEKING TO HAVE IT ADOPTED AS THE NON-ALIGNED BLUEPRINT FOR THE SSOD. THE YUGOSLAV APPROACH EXPRESSES THE DESIRE FOR A REALISTIC AND MODERATE APPROACH TO SSOD AND EMPHASIZES TO THE NON-ALIGNED THAT A SUCCESSFUL SSOD DEPENDS ON THE AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE NON-ALIGNED AND THE LEADING MILITARY POWERS. THE PROPOSED YUGOSLAV SSOD AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE A POLITICAL DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, A PROGRAM OF MEASURES FOR DISARMAMENT, AND A DETERMINATION OF THE PROPER ORGANIZATION OF THE UN FOR DISARMAMENT PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH IT IS LIKELY THAT A 'NAM POSITION' WILL EMERGE, ULTIMATE ENDORSEMENT OF THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL AS THAT POSITION IS PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE (A) SOME NON-ALIGNED WILL WANT TO MAKE EXTREME DEMANDS AGAINST THE MAJOR POWERS ON SUCH ISSUES AS NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS AND TEST BAN WHILE (B) SOME SIMPLY ARE PIQUED AT PERCEIVED BRASHNESS OF YUGOSLAVS IN INTRODUCING A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AT THIS EARLY DATE.

3. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE: THE SOVIETS HAVE LONG FAVORED THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

(WDC). THEY ARE PURSUING THE PARTICULAR LINE - REJECTED
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY THE NON-ALIGNED - THAT THE SSOD
SHOULD BE USED AS A STEPPING-STONE TO A WDC AND HAVE
APPROACHED SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR THEIR
POSITION. WE HAVE INFORMED THE SOVIETS THAT WE:
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(A) CONSIDER THE SPECIAL SESSION TO BE DISTINCT IN ITS
OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS FROM A WDC AND COULD NOT
REGARD ONE AS IMPLYING MOVEMENT TOWARD THE OTHER;

(B) ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT THE CON-
VENING OF A WDC; AND

(C) WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS THE NEED

AND UTILITY OF FURTHER LARGE-SCALE MULTILATERAL ARMS
CONTROL MEETINGS IN THE WAKE OF THE SSOD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) DEPARTMENT APPRECIATED REPORTS SUBMITTED TO DATE,
AND WOULD WELCOME PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ACCOUNTS OF
REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY ACTION ADDRESSEES, PARTICULARLY
IF THEY ARE IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH
AT UN, MARCH 17.

(B) AS NOTED REFTTEL, INFO ADDRESSEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO
SUBMIT POST'S ANALYSIS OF HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE SSOD, BUT WITHOUT MAKING REPRESENTATIONS;

(C) IF POST IS ASKED ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD RE-
LATIONSHIP BETWEEN WDC AND SSOD, POST MAY DRAW ON
TALKING POINTS (A) AND (B) USED WITH SOVIETS (PARA. 3).

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